



Kenneth G. Seal

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Kenneth G. Seal began his construction career in 1988 as an asbestos worker and supervisor with Local Union 300 in Seattle, Washington. He switched his craft to commercial and industrial painting and was employed by Long Painting for over 25 years, eventually working his way up to the position of superintendent. In 2008, Ken transferred his membership to District Council 15/Local 159 in Las Vegas. He worked as a painting and safety instructor for the Council for five years. Ken was very active in his union. He was elected as a delegate for DC-15 and then as a trustee for Local 159. Ken also served on the internal organizing committee and volunteered many hours to recruit new members to the IUPAT. Starting in 2012, he has been promoted several times within the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades - Finishing Trades Institute. Ken's first promotion was to program manager, where he was very proud of his work on the Painters and Allied Trades Veterans Program at Joint Base Lewis McChord that helped servicemen and women transition into a civilian career. He also serves as the IUPAT safety and health director, where he sits on multiple committees. Ken sits on the NABTU, AFL-CIO, and American Latter Institute (ALI), and he is a voting member on the ANSI A-10 Committee. He became the Central and Western Region Apprenticeship Training Representative (ATR) for the iFTI and now serves as the deputy director and the IUPAT safety and health representative. Ken works as the training liaison between all the District Council training funds and the International. He continues to do what he truly believes in: helping others succeed in this great union and working hard to keep the men and women in all the building trades safe. Ken is a Master OSHA, first aid, and CPR Instructor and is trained in fall protection, hazardous material, confined space, boom, scissor, and forklift, lead supervisor and worker. He also holds numerous other credentials throughout the construction industry. Ken holds the Level 2 Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP) and Inspectors Credential. He earned an associates degree in applied science from Mountwest Technical and Community College in Huntington, West Virginia and a bachelor degree in occupational safety and health at Columbia Southern University in Orange Beach, Alabama.